



ENERGY 4 SPORT + RECREATION

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Introduction

- Name: Energy 4 Sport & Recreation
- Start Date: March 2012
- Partners involved: Utility Aid and Sport and Recreation Alliance
- Objective: To enable sport and recreational bodies (federations, clubs, associations) across the UK to save money on their utility bills.

Context of the partnership

- Utility bills are becoming increasingly expensive in the UK. It is predicted that they will rise by around 15% for this winter.
- At the same time, sports clubs have increasingly stretched budgets and can ill afford higher costs for water, gas and electricity.
- Volunteers are unlikely to have:
 - Time
 - Resources
 - Technical understanding
- There is also a deep mistrust around price transparency and the complexity of different tariffs.

How does it work?

- Utility Aid are private energy consultants specialising in the not-for-profit sector. They offer organisations across the sport and recreation sector free, simple and impartial energy audits designed to save them money on their utility bills.
- Utility Aid will in the first instance conduct a full energy audit to identify where savings can be made. They will also check all invoices to ensure they are accurate and correct, while they also offer on site technical audits.
- Where can savings be made?
 - Suppliers
 - Tariffs
 - Contracts
 - VAT (charities pay reduced VAT rates on energy supplies)
 - Energy efficiency
 - Technology (e.g. Smart Meters, solar panels etc.)

Case Study: British Dance Council

- The British Dance Council was one of the first organisations to take up a free energy audit through the Energy 4 Sport & Recreation scheme.
- Set to make over **£1200** of savings as a result.
- Bryan Allen, President of the British Dance Council said:

"The British Dance Council is extremely pleased with this saving and the energy audit was very easy to complete – all we had to do was forward our current bills to them and then make a decision based on the figures they returned to us. I would definitely recommend it to other organisations."

- The BDC is planning to use the money that it has saved to help dance teachers boost participation levels at community level.

Conclusions

- Sport and recreation bodies across the UK will be able to save money on their utility bills, and volunteers will save valuable time in dealing with energy costs.
- Time and money - two crucial things for sports clubs!!

Thank you for listening!

Any questions?